

City of Wixom  
Senior Citizen Commission Meeting  
49015 Pontiac Trail  
June 12, 2023

Approved 9-11-2023
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Chairperson Korleski called the meeting of the Senior Citizen Commission to order at 11:09 am with the following individuals in attendance:

Commission: Jean Korleski, Anna Contreras, George Carty, Mary Grant, and Judy Celinski

Absent: Linda Halseth, Joan Roberts

Staff: Melisa Burnham, Senior Coordinator

Public: None

Determination of Quorum:

A quorum of the Senior Citizen Commission was present for this meeting.

Changes or additions to the Agenda

No changes or additions to the agenda.

Approval of the March 13, 2023 Senior Commission Meeting Minutes

Chairperson Korleski motioned for the March 13, 2023 meeting minutes to be approved. Commission member George Carty was first to approve the minutes and Vice-Chairperson Anna Contreras was the second to approve the meeting minutes.

Correspondence:

There was no correspondence to be reviewed.

Call to Public:

No public present

Unfinished Business:

Chairperson Korleski stated that she took the memorial plaque to be updated on Saturday, June 10, 2023. There are 28 names to be added to the plaque and it will most likely take him about a month to complete the engravings. They did find a duplicate on the plaque. She said she will give him a \$100 Amazon gift card once the work has been completed. There was conversation about adding another piece of wood to the current plaque to add more names as needed.

The Mexican Train game does not need to be ordered. There are currently 4 sets of dominoes in the Senior Center. Only the racks to hold the dominoes need to be ordered. Vice Chairperson Contreras said we need to order between 16 and 20 racks. Chairperson Korleski will order them on Amazon Prime and expense them. They will decide which racks to order after the meeting. Seniors are enjoying the Mexican Train game. They will be playing on June 20<sup>th</sup>.

The AED defibrillator is located outside the Melissa Harrison's office between the Senior Center and the library. Commission member Carty asked if anyone knows how to use it. The directions are step by step so it is user friendly and no training is needed for it.

#### New Business:

Senior Coordinator, Melisa Burnham, stated that membership numbers have increased since 2018. Current membership is at 194 Senior Citizens. She expects the number to increase. Fitness class numbers have continued to increase. She reminded the Commission that vacations can be a factor with participation in all the programming.

When reviewing the Senior trips, Mrs. Burnham said that the casino trips had to be cancelled because of low attendance. She has now switched companies and will be working with a new company that is easier to work with. She also shared that she is having biweekly meetings with the other Senior Centers so trips can be piggy backed with other centers so cancellations should not have to happen. The DIA trip was cancelled because they were 6 short of the 25 reservations required to utilize the bus to the DIA. Commission members said she should reach out to the Richardson Center. Mrs. Burnham said she has tried contacting the Richardson center but calls are not being returned.

Senior Coordinator, Melisa Burnham, continued to talk about the classes that have been offered. On March 1<sup>st</sup> New Hope Grieving had a class on their support groups. 7 seniors attended. The class was very emotional and appreciated and a lot of support was given. Some of the seniors in attendance have joined the support groups at New Hope Grieving. Miller Vein came to the center on April 5<sup>th</sup> with 11 seniors in attendance at the class. There was a Spring Health Expo with Oakland Technical Campus on May 18<sup>th</sup>. 27 seniors attended. Mrs. Burnham was a bit disappointed with the numbers. Commission member, Mary Grant suggested the health expo be done in the flu season so seniors can also receive free flu shots. The Senior Coordinator explained that the expo has to be done in the spring because that is when the Oakland Tech students are available. She said the expo was open for all seniors and City of Wixom staff members. She continued to talk about the events and programming over the past three months. The Anyone can Paint class is very popular and the numbers have doubled since July 2022. She reminded the Seniors that the Senior Center is closed the first week in July. The What Its Worth event had to be cancelled twice due to weather but it was finally held on March 2, 2023 with 22 seniors in attendance. The MSU Herb class was held on March 13<sup>th</sup> with 10 seniors in attendance. It was met with success and they will be coming back in June and July for additional classes. The Veteran Luncheon continues to increase monthly. They have gone from about 7 veterans in attendance to 14 in attendance on May 23, 2023. The Yahtzee tournament has been cancelled twice. It will be looked at again in the fall. The Chair Volleyball is extremely popular and Mrs. Burnham is hoping that soon they will need 2 nets to play. The Safety and Self Defense was a fabulous class. Solid attendance with 35 seniors present. They will be presenting the class again on October 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am. Chairperson Korleski said that it would be great if they could include a one- page sheet with reminders and pictures of the self-defense lessons. Tuesday Trivia is popular but there will be no Trivia in July or August because the host will be on vacation. The Cinco De Mayo party was held on May 4<sup>th</sup> with 44 seniors in attendance. Mrs. Burnham thought that was low attendance but will continue to work on participation. On May 31 they had a pop-up Mexican Train game with Mexican ice cream. Everyone had a great time.

The Senior Coordinator went over the Equipment Loan Program. She explained there is no charge for the program and you can keep the equipment you need or you can just use it as needed and return it. Several commission members said they had walkers they could donate. Mrs. Burnham said the closet is loaded right now.

The Senior Coordinator went over the numbers of cards sent out to seniors that were ill or having surgery. Over the last quarter, 26 cards were sent out and 113 lbs. of nonperishable food was donated to Hospitality House.

The Game schedule will be changed. Hand and Foot will remain on Monday. Euchre is moving to Wednesday and Mahjong is moving to Thursday. Mexican Train will be played on Tuesdays.

Chairperson Korleski went over the financials for the Senior Center. Currently the balance is \$2328.89. The commission discussed defraying the cost of the August ice cream social since the current financial balance is solid. The motion was presented to defray the cost by \$5 for members only. Commission member Judy Celinske was first to approve and Commission member Mary Grant was second to approve the motion. They will have a 50/50 drawing and will ask everyone to bring a donation for Hospitality House. The Commission further discussed the possibility of other charitable ideas. They discussed the idea of having the seniors bring in school donations for the Walled Lake Consolidated School District. Along with the donations they discussed providing \$100 gift card for the school to utilize. There was a motion made by Commission member Judy Celinske to donate \$100 gift card to the school district along with donations made by the seniors. The stipulation is that they will only provide the gift card if it can go to a WLCSD school. Vice Chairperson Contreras was first to approve the motion and Commission member Grant was second to approve it. The commission had more conversation regarding charity at Christmas. They talked about some different ideas but they will most likely settle on adopting a family again.

Second Call to Public:

No public present

Staff Comments:

No staff comments

Commission Comments:

No commission comments

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Chairperson Korleski. Commission member Grant approved the motion and Commission member Celinske seconded the motion. The meeting of the Senior Citizen Commission was adjourned at 11:58 am.